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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – A.P. Forest Department – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri J. Hari Babu, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retired), earlier Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division, Vijayawada, under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Punishment of "withholding of 10% (ten percent) of pension for a period of five (5) years", against the Charged Officer - Imposed - Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.36 **Dated:26.06.2023**

Read the following:

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.8174/2011/A&DC-3, dated 30.12.2016.
2)Memo.No.272/Sec.IV/A1/2022-1, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 11.08.2022.
3)From Sri J. Hari Babu, Assistant Conservator of F (Retd.), defense statement, dated 15.12.2022.
4)Memo.No.272/Sec.IV/A1/2022, EFS & T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 22.12.2022.
5)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.8174/2011/A&DC-3, dated 23.02.2023.
6)Letter.No.272/Sec.IV/A1/2022, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 11.05.2023.
7)From the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Lr.No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/54/2023-DC.SEC-APPSC (Computer No.2088450), dated 15.06.2023.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur has informed that the following Article of Charge was issued to Sri J.Hari Babu, Assistant Conservator of Forests (NW), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad, earlier Divisional Forests Officer, Krishna Division, Vijayawada by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad in Rc.No.8174/2011-P1, dated 14.03.2013, under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991:-

Article:"That he had exhibited gross negligence of duty and failed to take appropriate measures to stop fresh road widening work and also take measures to restrict the right of way to a width as specified in the Notifications of Koduru Bit-II RF and Adavinekkalam main RF".

2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge on 01.04.2013 and submitted his written statement of defense on 28.05.2013. Not satisfied with the explanation of the Charged Officer, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad has appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle as Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division, Vijayawada as Presenting Officer in Rc.No.8174/2011-P1 (i&ii), dated 05.08.2013, for conducting the regular enquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer & Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle has completed the Inquiry and submitted his findings in Rc.No.2478/2011/-M8, dated 23.05.2014, wherein the Inquiry Officer has concluded that the charge of dereliction of duty is **proved** against the delinquent Officer without any doubt.

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4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad has communicated the findings of the Inquiry Officer to the Charged Officer in Ref.No.8174/2011/Vig-4, dated 26.06.2014 & 17.12.2014, for submission of further defense. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of final notice on 03.04.2016 and submitted his further defense statement on 04.04.2016 & 27.11.2016, wherein he did not submit any fresh points/facts.

5. The disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980, since the Charged Officer has retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2013.

6. After careful examination of the matter, Government have taken a provisional decision to impose a punishment of "withholding of 10% (ten percent) of pension for a period of five (5) years" against Sri J Hari Babu, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), earlier Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division, Vijayawada, under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, in Memo., 2nd read above a Show-cause Notice was issued to the Charged Officer through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of Show-cause Notice and submitted his defense statement vide reference 3rd read above wherein, he did not submit any new/valid points.

7. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, in the letter 7th read above, has stated that the Commission agreed with the proposal of the Government, to impose a punishment of "withholding of 10% (ten percent) of pension for a period of five (5) years", against Sri J Hari Babu, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), earlier Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division, Vijayawada.

8. After careful examination of the entire issue, the Government hereby order to impose a punishment of "withholding of 10% (ten percent) of pension for a period of five (5) years" against Sri J Hari Babu, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), earlier Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division, Vijayawada, under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJ SEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri J Hari Babu, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), earlier Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division, Vijayawada through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.

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The Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi. Sent through e-office on 26/6/2023
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